



SYNOPSIS

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SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED *February 5, 2016*

SB 804 Senator Pugh

STATE GOVERNMENT – OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING OF EX-OFFENDERS – TRANSFER OF STATUTORY PROVISIONS

Transferring from the Criminal Procedure Article to the State Government Article the provisions of law relating to the prohibition on the denial by specified departments of State government of an occupational license to an ex-offender solely on the basis that the applicant has been previously convicted of a crime unless a specified determination is made including the factors to be considered in making the determination.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

CP, § 1-209 to SG, § 8-506 - transferred

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Judicial Proceedings

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SB 805 Senator Pugh**SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES CENTER OPERATING FUND –
FUNDING AND DISTRIBUTION**

Increasing the amount of funding required to be included in the annual State budget for the Senior Citizen Activities Center Operating Fund to \$1,000,000; requiring 30% of the Fund to be distributed based on each county's share of the senior citizen population; and requiring 70% of the Fund to be distributed based on each county's share of the population of senior citizens with income below the federal poverty level.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HU, § 10-516 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 806 Senator Pugh**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS –
ESTABLISHMENT OF NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS FORMULARY
COUNCIL AND NATUROPATHIC FORMULARY**

Establishing a Naturopathic Doctors Formulary Council within the State Board of Physicians; providing for the membership, terms, compensation, chair, and staff for the Council; requiring the Council to develop and recommend to the Board a specified formulary, provide specified reviews of the formulary, and make specified recommendations to the Board; requiring the Board to adopt a specified formulary; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HO, §§ 14-5F-01 and 14-5F-14 - amended and § 14-5F-04.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 807 Senator Madaleno**HIGHER EDUCATION – ETHICS AND PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Providing that a system of higher education may, in accordance with specified guidelines, allow educational institutions in the system to enter into lease agreements and receive lease payments from business entities engaged in research and development activity with faculty and staff, as specified; requiring that procedures for research and development by higher educational institutions allow faculty or staff at the institution to have an interest in, be employed by, or have a relationship with entities, as specified; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

ED, § 19-102(a) and GP, § 5-525 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 808 Senator Madaleno, et al**STATE BUDGET**

Authorizing the General Assembly to increase or add Executive Department items in the budget bill, subject to a specified limitation; providing for the veto of by the Governor of only those items relating to the Executive Department that have been increased or added by the General Assembly; providing for the reversion to original appropriations of specified vetoed items in the budget bill; authorizing the General Assembly to override budget bill item vetoes; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. II, § 17 and Art. III, §§ 14 and 52(6) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 809 Senator Madaleno, et al**INCOME TAX CREDIT – RENEWABLE ENERGY PROPERTY**

Allowing specified individuals or corporations a credit against the State income tax for a specified percentage of the cost of specified renewable energy property constructed or purchased and placed in service in the State; limiting the amount of the credit for each installation of renewable energy property; limiting the aggregate amount of tax credit certificates that may be issued during a specified period; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-737 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 810 Senator Benson**MARLOW HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Marlow Heights Police Department; specifying the purpose, powers, and duties of the Department; specifying that the Department is not an agency of Prince George's County; specifying that specified persons associated with the Department are not associated with Prince George's County; establishing that there is a chief of police within the Department; specifying that the State and Prince George's County are not relieved from a duty to provide specified services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, HG, LG, and PS, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 811 Senator Benson**ELECTRIC COMPANIES – INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY – COMPLETION OF INTERCONNECTION**

Requiring an electric company to complete interconnection of a customer-generator's solar electric generating facility with the electric company's distribution facilities by providing acceptance and final approval to operate within 20 days after completion of a specified installation process; and specifying that the installation process includes an approved interconnection application, completion of the installation of the solar electric generating facility, and completion of all necessary paperwork and documentation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PU, § 7-306.1 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 812 Senator Hough**SEDIMENT CONTROL – VIOLATIONS – ENFORCEMENT**

Authorizing a person aggrieved by a specified final decision of the Department of the Environment to seek judicial review; and requiring the Department to deliver three separate warning notices and provide an opportunity for corrective action before imposing a specified penalty on a person accused of a specified violation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EN, §§ 4-115 and 4-116 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 813 Senator Hough**CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION – DEPLOYED PARENTS**

Prohibiting a court in any child custody or visitation proceeding from considering, in and of itself, a parent's past deployment or possible future deployment in determining the best interest of a child except under specified circumstances; authorizing a party or witness who is subject to deployment to provide testimony and present evidence by electronic means or by telephone under specified circumstances; authorizing the court to grant caretaking or decision-making authority to a nonparent under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FL, § 9-108 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 814 Senator Pinsky**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PYRAMID ATLANTIC ART CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Pyramid Atlantic, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Pyramid Atlantic Art Center, located in Prince George's County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 815 Senator Muse**RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY – SALES CONTRACTS – NOTICE OF WATER AND SEWER CHARGES**

Making clarifying changes to a specified notice requirement about water and sewer charges in a contract for the initial sale of residential real property; requiring a contract for the resale of residential real property that is served by public water or wastewater facilities for which deferred water and sewer charges have been established by a recorded covenant or declaration to contain a specified notice; and providing that a purchaser is entitled to specified rights for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

RP, § 14-117(a) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 816 **Senator Muse****REAL PROPERTY – CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – REALES – DISCLOSURES AND FEES**

Altering the contents of the certificate that a unit owner is required to furnish to a purchaser on resale of a unit; specifying a maximum fee of \$250 that a council of unit owners may charge for furnishing a certificate to a unit owner; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to adjust in a specified manner the maximum fee that a council of unit owners may charge for furnishing a certificate to a unit owner; requiring a homeowners association to provide specified information to a lot owner on resale of a lot; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

RP, §§ 11-135(a) and (c) and 11B-106 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 817 **Senator Peters****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – TABERNACLE CHURCH OF LAUREL GYMNASIUM**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$25,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Tabernacle of Laurel, Maryland, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the gymnasium at the Tabernacle Church of Laurel, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 818 Senator Peters**STATE PERSONNEL – INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES – HIRING PREFERENCES**

Requiring an appointing authority to apply a credit of five points on a selection test for specified positions in the State Personnel Management System for an individual with a specified disability; requiring specified appointing authorities for positions in the Judicial, Legislative, and Executive branches of State government to develop a hiring preference for an individual with a specified disability that is equivalent to the credit applied on a specified selection test; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SP, §§ 2-310 and 7-207(g) - added and § 7-207(c)(2)(ii) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 819 Senator Peters, et al**INDEPENDENT LIVING TAX CREDIT ACT**

Allowing an individual or a corporation a credit against the State income tax equal to 50% of the renovation or construction costs incurred during the taxable year to provide specified accessibility and visibility features to or within a home; providing that the credit may not exceed \$5,000; requiring applicants to file a specified application before a specified date and to file an amended return; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016; etc .

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-737 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 820 Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – DISABILITY RETIREMENT – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the process, benefits, and terminology for disability retirement in the State Retirement and Pension System; altering the calculation for a non–line–of–duty disability retirement allowance for specified members who file an application for a disability retirement on or after July 1, 2016; authorizing the Executive Director of the State Retirement Agency to require retirees receiving a disability retirement allowance to undergo a medical examination under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

PS, SF, and SP, Various Sections - amended and SP, § 21-115.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 821 Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL UNITS – AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE**

Altering the calculation of the accrued liability contributions required to be paid by a participating governmental unit on account of members of the Employees' Retirement System and Employees' Pension System who are employees of a participating governmental unit; and clarifying the application of a specified amortization period to specified legislative changes.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SP, § 21-305.2 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 822 Senators Norman and Astle**PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS – CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

Prohibiting a critical incident stress management team member from disclosing specified communications or information acquired from a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, or an emergency responder in the course of providing critical incident stress management services; prohibiting a critical incident stress management team member from being compelled to testify in specified proceedings or investigations; establishing exceptions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 9-125 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 823 Senator Conway**TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A DYSLLEXIA EDUCATION PROGRAM – EXTENSION**

Extending the date, to on or before December 30, 2016, by which the Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Dyslexia Education Program is required to submit specified findings and recommendations; and extending the termination date of the Task Force.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Chapter 411 of the Acts of 2015, §§ 1(g) and 2 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 824 Senator Conway**REAL ESTATE LICENSEES – VERIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDER LICENSING STATUS**

Providing that a licensee of the State Real Estate Commission need not verify that a specified service provider is currently licensed by the State to perform the services if the licensee offers the name of the service provider to a client in the provision of real estate brokerage services, notwithstanding any other provision of law and with a specified exception; requiring a licensee to verify that a home improvement contractor is licensed by the Home Improvement Commission under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BOP, § 17-527.4 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 825 Senator Conway**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – DENTAL HYGIENISTS – ADMINISTRATION OF NITROUS OXIDE**

Authorizing, subject to specified requirements, dental hygienists to administer nitrous oxide to patients; altering the definition of “practice dental hygiene”; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HO, §§ 4-101(k)(9), 4-205(a)(1)(ix), and 4-206.2 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 826 Senator Conway**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS – CHANGE ORDERS (STATE PROCUREMENT CHANGE ORDER FAIRNESS ACT)**

Prohibiting a unit from requiring a prime contractor, and a prime contractor from requiring a subcontractor, to begin change order work under a contract until the procurement officer for the unit issues a specified written change order; requiring, under specified circumstances, a unit to pay an invoice for work performed and accepted under a change order within 30 days after the unit receives the invoice in accordance with a specified provision of law; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SF, § 11-203(b)(1) and (c) - amended and § 15-112 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 827 Senator Conway**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – RESTORATION GARDENS 2**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Empire Homes of Maryland, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Restoration Gardens apartment building for at-risk youth, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 828 Senator Conway**REAL ESTATE BROKERS – AGENCY RELATIONSHIPS IN RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS – DISCLOSURE AND CONSENT REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the requirements for a specified disclosure that a licensee of the State Real Estate Commission must make under specified circumstances; establishing a specified exception to a specified disclosure requirement; establishing a specified exception to the time when a specified disclosure must occur; requiring the Commission to prepare and provide a specified required notice; requiring a subagent to make a specified required disclosure under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BOP, §§ 17-528 and 17-530 - amended and § 17-533 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 829 Senator Conway (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**BALTIMORE CITY – CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD**

Altering procedures for filing a complaint with the Baltimore City Civilian Review Board; repealing specified time limits on filing a complaint; authorizing a complainant to request that a complaint be confidential until the Board makes a specified finding; providing for procedures for specified confidential complaints; altering the authority of the Board to issue specified subpoenas; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PLL of Baltimore City, Art. 4, §§ 16-41, 16-43(b), 16-44(c) through (e), and 16-46 - amended and § 16-44(b) - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 830 Senator Conway**STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS – LIMITED LICENSE – HAIR SERVICES – BLOW DRYING**

Establishing a limited license to provide hair services – blow drying; requiring the State Board of Cosmetologists to establish by regulation specified curriculum standards for providing hair services – blow drying for use by specified entities for a specified purpose; establishing qualifications for a limited license to provide hair services – blow drying; providing that a specified limited license authorizes the licensee to provide only specified services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BOP, §§ 5-101, 5-205(c), 5-301, 5-305, 5-310, 5-501, and 5-605 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 831 Senator Conway**STATE BOARD OF PLUMBING – STATE PLUMBING CODE – ADOPTION AND ENFORCEMENT**

Requiring the State Board of Plumbing to adopt the National Standard Plumbing Code as the State Plumbing Code; providing that the Board may adopt specified standards of a specified nationally recognized testing organization; requiring a county or municipality to enforce the State Plumbing Code and authorizing a county or municipality to adopt and enforce amendments to the State Plumbing Code that meet specified requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BOP, §§ 12-205, 12-206, 12-502, 12-605, and 12-606 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 832 Senator Guzzone**EDUCATION – GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE**

Altering specified procedures for suspending or dismissing specified public school personnel; authorizing specified school personnel to request arbitration under specified circumstances; specifying the procedures for arbitration; providing that an arbitrator's award is final and binding on the parties, subject to judicial review by a circuit court; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

ED, § 6-202 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 833 Senator Guzzone**CIVIL RIGHT TO COUNSEL – PILOT PROGRAM – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Requiring the Governor to include in the budget bill for each fiscal year a specified appropriation to fund a pilot program in specified counties to provide legal representation to income-eligible parties in protective order proceedings; requiring a specified amount to be allocated to specified programs; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

FL, § 4-512.2 and CJ, § 13-103 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 834 Senator Guzzone**INCOME TAX CREDIT – ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for the total installed costs of specified energy storage systems installed on or after January 1, 2016, but before January 1, 2021; providing that the credit may not exceed a specified amount; providing that the credit may not be carried forward to another taxable year; requiring a taxpayer claiming the credit to attach proof of the total installed costs to the taxpayer's return; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-719 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 835 Senator Guzzone**HEALTH INSURANCE – MOTOR VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS FOR PERMANENTLY WHEELCHAIR DEPENDENT INDIVIDUALS – COVERAGE**

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide specified health insurance benefits under specified health insurance policies or contracts to provide coverage one time for adaptive equipment for or other modifications to the motor vehicle of a permanently wheelchair dependent individual under specified circumstances; and providing that the required coverage may be subject to specified deductibles or coinsurance requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

IN, § 15-850 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 836 **Senators McFadden and Ferguson****HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ACT**

Establishing the Community Development Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development; requiring the Department to perform specified duties; establishing the Community Development Board in the Department; requiring the Board to perform specified duties; establishing the Community Development Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Department to administer the Fund; providing for the imposition of the community development transfer tax under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HS, §§ 6-501 through 6-509 and TP, §§ 13-601 through 13-608 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 837 **Senator Waugh****CRABS – HARVEST TIMES – TROTLINES AND CRAB POTS**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations that provide the option to a tidal fish licensee authorized to catch crabs using trotlines and crab pots to work specified hours from July 15 through September 15 of any year; requiring a licensee who chooses a specified hours-of-work option to notify the Department of that choice by a specified date; prohibiting a licensee who chooses a specified hours-of-work option from changing that option until the following license year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

NR, § 4-803 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 838 **Senator Feldman****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – WESTERN PIEDMONT TRAIL**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$125,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Western Piedmont Trail, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 839 Senator Feldman**INSURANCE – RATE FILINGS – TRADE SECRETS**

Establishing the confidentiality of specified information that an insurer files with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner as proprietary rate-related information; authorizing the Commissioner to make a determination concerning specified material and to make the material available to the public under specified circumstances; requiring the Commissioner to give an insurer specified notice of the determination at least 10 days before disclosing the information; authorizing the Commissioner to disclose specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

IN, § 11-307(c) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 840 The President (By Request – Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission)**INCOME TAX – EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – REFUNDABILITY**

Increasing to 28% for tax years beginning after December 31, 2015, the percentage of the federal earned income credit used to determine the amount that an individual may claim as a refundable credit under the Maryland earned income credit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-704(b)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 841 The President (By Request – Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission)**INCOME TAX – PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES – EXEMPTION**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the State income tax for up to \$20,000 of nonpassive income attributable to a pass-through entity; providing that the subtraction applies only to nonpassive income of a member of a pass-through entity if specified conditions are met; providing that an individual with specified income in excess of \$200,000 or a married couple with specified income in excess of \$250,000 are not allowed the subtraction; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-105.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 842 The President (By Request – Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission)

CORPORATE INCOME TAX – SINGLE SALES FACTOR APPORTIONMENT

Altering the formula used to apportion income to the State for corporations that carry on a trade or business in and out of the State; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-402 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 843 The President (By Request – Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission)

TAX CREDITS – EVALUATIONS AND SUNSET PROVISIONS

Expanding the tax credits subject to legislative review and evaluation under the Tax Credit Evaluation Act; altering the time periods for the continuation and reevaluation of the tax credits designated for evaluation; terminating the biotechnology investment tax credit, new job creating businesses tax credit, and specified tax credits available under the Enterprise Zone Program, the Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zone Program, and the One Maryland Program; making conforming changes; applying the Act; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

EC, TG, and TP, Various Sections - amended and EC, IN, TG, and TP, Various Sections - repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 844 The President (By Request – Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission)

INTEREST RATE ON TAX DEFICIENCIES AND REFUNDS

Altering the calculation of the annual interest rate that the Comptroller sets for tax deficiencies and refunds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 13-604 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 845 The President (By Request – Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission)

CORPORATE INCOME TAX – FEDERAL REPATRIATION HOLIDAY

Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland corporate income tax for specified dividends included in federal taxable income as a result of a specified repatriation holiday enacted by federal legislation; requiring the Comptroller to provide for the administration of the Act if specified federal legislation is enacted; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-307(e) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 846 The President (By Request – Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission)

CORPORATE INCOME TAX – RATE REDUCTION

Decreasing the State corporate income tax rate over a specified period of years from 8.25% to 7%.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-105(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 847 The President (By Request – Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission)

ESTATE TAX – EXCLUSION AMOUNT

Altering a specified limit on the unified credit used for determining the Maryland estate tax; repealing a specified limit on the unified credit used for determining the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2016; and altering a specified limitation on the amount of the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 7-309(b)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 848 Senator Kelley, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – CONTRACEPTIVE EQUITY ACT**

Prohibiting health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from applying a copayment, coinsurance, or prior authorization requirement for specified contraceptive drugs and devices; providing that the prohibition does not apply with respect to a grandfathered health plan; requiring a health insurer, nonprofit health service plan, and health maintenance organization to post its contraceptive formulary on its Web site; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018

IN, §§ 15-826.1 and 15-826.2 - added and § 15-831 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 849 Senator Kelley, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HEALTH COURTS**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Establishment of Health Courts; requiring the Task Force to study the adequacy and cost of State laws and policies relating to the litigation of medical malpractice cases and make recommendations regarding the establishment of health courts to hear medical malpractice cases and the feasibility of assigning a medical malpractice case to a single judge throughout the litigation process; requiring the Task Force to report to the General Assembly by December 31, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 850 Senator Astle**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – YWCA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SAFE HOUSE SHELTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Young Women's Christian Association of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Maryland, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the YWCA Domestic Violence Safe House Shelter, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 851 Senator Astle**PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – COMMERCIAL POLICIES
AND WORKERS’ COMPENSATION INSURANCE POLICIES – NOTICES
OF PREMIUM INCREASES**

Altering the scope of provisions of law that require an insurer to send to specified persons a specified notice of a premium increase for policies of commercial insurance and policies of workers’ compensation insurance; providing that the provisions of law do not apply to policies for which the renewal policy premium is an increase of a specified percentage or less over the expiring policy premium; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

IN, § 27-608 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 852 Senator Astle**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER AND
WINE FESTIVALS**

Expanding the types of festivals that a holder of a beer and wine festival license may hold in Anne Arundel County; authorizing the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners to issue a specified beer and wine festival license to specified nonprofit organizations under specified circumstances; and providing that, notwithstanding specified other provisions of law, a specified license holder may display and sell beer and wine at a specified beer and wine festival without holding specified permits.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 11-1304 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 853 Senator Kelley, et al**GUARDIANS OF PROPERTY AND CUSTODIANS – AUTHORITY TO
FUND CERTAIN TRUSTS AND ACCOUNTS**

Authorizing a guardian of the property of a specified minor or disabled person to pay or apply income or principal from a specified estate to establish or fund a specified special needs trust, a pooled asset special needs trust account, or an Achieving a Better Life Experience account for the benefit of the minor or disabled person, without court authorization or confirmation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

ET, §§ 13-101, 13-214, and 13-314 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 854 Senator Kelley**UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLE COVERAGE – EXCLUSION**

Providing that specified uninsured motorist coverage does not apply to a specified policy that provides motor vehicle liability insurance for a vehicle that is involved in a collision with an insured motor vehicle under specified circumstances; providing that an insurer may exclude from specified uninsured motorist coverage benefits for a collision that involves a motor vehicle that leaves the scene of the collision except under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

IN, §§ 19-509(b) and (f) and 27-303 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 855 Senator Kelley, et al**COMMERCIAL LAW – REVERSE MORTGAGES – ESCROW ACCOUNTS**

Requiring a reverse mortgage lender to establish an escrow account for the payment of property taxes and insurance; requiring the escrow account to be established in accordance with specified provisions of law; requiring the escrow account to allow for monthly collection and deposit of funds; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CL, § 12-1206 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 856 Senator Kelley, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – HIV TESTING DURING PREGNANCY**

Requiring specified health care providers to obtain consent for HIV testing in accordance with specified provisions of law and to test pregnant patients, except under specified circumstances, during the first and third trimesters of pregnancy; and repealing specified provisions of law made obsolete by the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 18-338.2 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 857 Senator Kelley, et al**MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – HOSPITAL AND PHYSICIAN FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT DISCLOSURE – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring each hospital and each physician that has a financial arrangement with a pharmaceutical manufacturer or a surgical hardware manufacturer to file a financial disclosure form with the Maryland Health Care Commission within a specified period of time; requiring the Commission to establish a specified database; authorizing the Commission to impose a specified fine under specified circumstances; requiring the Commission to adopt specified regulations; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 19-112 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 858 Senator Kelley**MENTAL HEALTH – WRAPAROUND SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Requiring the Governor, for fiscal year 2018 and for each fiscal year thereafter, to include in the budget bill an appropriation to provide specified wraparound services for 300 children or youth with intensive mental health needs who meet specified eligibility criteria.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HG, §§ 10-1501 and 10-1502 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 859 Senators Young and Hough**FREDERICK COUNTY – DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENTS – ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS**

Authorizing, in Frederick County, a person aggrieved by a development rights and responsibilities agreement to file an administrative appeal; providing that if an agreement was entered into before July 1, 2016, a person aggrieved by an amendment to the agreement may not file an administrative appeal and may seek direct judicial review under specified circumstances; providing that a party may appeal to the Court of Special Appeals and thereafter may petition the Court of Appeals for a writ of certiorari under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

LU, § 7-307 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 860 Senators Young and Hough**FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REFILLABLE CONTAINER PERMITS**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue refillable container permits for draft beer and for wine to a holder of a Class A alcoholic beverages license or a Class B alcoholic beverages license; and providing for specified permit fees.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 20-1101 - amended and §§ 20-1104 and 20-1105 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 861 Senators Young and Hough**FREDERICK COUNTY – DRY ELECTION DISTRICTS – REPEAL**

Repealing specified provisions of law that prohibit the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County from issuing specified alcoholic beverages licenses in specified election districts in the County; providing that the Board may issue anywhere in the County, regardless of election district, any license authorized under a specified provision of law; requiring that a specified public hearing be held for a license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 20-1602 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 862 Senators Young and Hough**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – FREDERICK COUNTY – EMERGENCY FAMILY SERVICES SHELTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$25,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs in Frederick County, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Emergency Family Services Shelter, located in Frederick County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 863 Senator Lee, et al**WORKGROUP TO STUDY SAFE HARBOR POLICY FOR YOUTH VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Extending for an additional year to June 30, 2017, the termination date for the Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking; and requiring the Workgroup to submit a supplemental report on or before December 1, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Chapter 91 of the Acts of 2015, §§ 1 and 2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 864 Senator Lee, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE FUND – ESTABLISHMENT (ALICIA’S LAW)**

Requiring that a specified portion of unclaimed lottery prizes be paid to the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Fund; establishing the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Fund; requiring the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention to administer the Fund; providing that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund not subject to specified provisions of law; providing for the uses, purposes, sources of funding, investment of money, and auditing of the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

PS, §§ 4-601 through 4-603 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)86. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)84. and 85. and SG, § 9-122(f) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 865 Senator Lee, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – SOLICITATION FOR PROSTITUTION – FINE**

Increasing the maximum fine to which a person is subject on conviction of procuring or soliciting or offering to procure or solicit for prostitution or assignation; altering the penalty to which a person is subject on conviction of engaging in prostitution or assignation; and requiring specified fines to be remitted to the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention to fund services for victims of human trafficking.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 11-306 - amended and CJ, § 7-302(a) - amended and § 7-302(h) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 866 **Senator Lee, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – POSTCONVICTION REVIEW –
CONVICTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIM**

Authorizing a person to file a motion to vacate a judgment for specified convictions if the person's participation in the underlying offense was a result of the person having been a victim of human trafficking or related extortion; repealing a requirement that the State's Attorney sign a specified motion; requiring a person to provide a copy of a specified motion to the State's Attorney; authorizing the State's Attorney to respond to a specified motion; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, § 8-302 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 867 **Senator Nathan–Pulliam****PUBLIC UTILITIES – RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD
– ELIGIBLE SOURCES**

Repealing the limit on the percentage of offshore wind energy that may be used to meet the renewable energy portfolio standard; prohibiting specified Tier 1 renewable sources from being eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard on and after January 1, 2018; authorizing renewable energy credits generated from specified Tier 1 renewable sources before January 1, 2017, to be eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard in accordance with a specified provision of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PU, §§ 7-701(d) and 7-704(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 868 **Senator Nathan–Pulliam****PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – IMMUNIZATIONS OF
CHILDREN ENTERING SCHOOL**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in cooperation with the State Board of Education and the Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations, to adopt regulations requiring that before a child enters ninth grade, the child has received a specified number of doses of human papillomavirus vaccine.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 7-403 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 869 Senator Nathan–Pulliam**COMMISSION ON RECONCILIATION AND EQUITY**

Establishing the Commission on Reconciliation and Equity; providing for the purpose, composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Commission to hold specified hearings and invite persons to testify, to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters, and to monitor and evaluate the implementation of specified recommendations using specified criteria; requiring the Commission to submit specified reports to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before June 30 and December 31 each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SG, §§ 9-1801 through 9-1805 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 870 Senator Young**MOTOR FUEL TAX – AVIATION GASOLINE – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of aviation gasoline for purposes of the motor fuel tax; providing that “aviation gasoline” is gasoline that is intended to propel gasoline-powered aircraft and does not include gasoline intended to propel a motor vehicle; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 9-101(c) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 871 Senator Young**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – FREDERICK COUNTY – BARBARA HAUER FRITCHIE FOUNDATION FACILITY**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$90,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Barbara Hauer–Fritchie Foundation, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Barbara Hauer Fritchie Foundation Facility, located in Frederick County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 872 Senator Young**EDUCATION – PREKINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENTS – ADMINISTRATION**

Requiring a specified statewide kindergarten assessment to be limited to a random sample of specified kindergarten students from within specified local school systems in the State; authorizing a specified kindergarten assessment to evaluate specified skills; prohibiting specified standardized tests from being administered to specified prekindergarten students; and requiring the State Department of Education to adopt specified regulations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 7-208 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 873 Senator Young**HEALTH CARE DECISIONS ACT – END-OF-LIFE DECISION-MAKING INFORMATIONAL BOOKLET**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with a the State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life, to develop an end-of-life decision-making informational booklet; requiring the Department to distribute the booklet to specified health care providers, make the booklet available to the public on a specified Web site, and annually review and update the booklet as necessary; requiring health care providers to provide the booklet to specified patients under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 5-629 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 874 Frederick County Senators**FREDERICK CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY – FUNDING**

Requiring the Governor to annually appropriate, for specified purposes, to the Frederick Center for Resereach and Education in Science and Technology an amount that covers start-up costs and is in addition to the amount appropriated to a similar regional higher education center.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 24-1004(h) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 875 Senator Serafini**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – LINE-OF-DUTY AND NON-LINE-OF-DUTY DISABILITY – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the process and benefits for disability retirement in the State Retirement and Pension System; altering the calculation for a non-line-of-duty and a line-of-duty disability retirement allowance for members who file an application for a disability retirement on or after July 1, 2016; establishing a short-term non-line-of-duty disability payment program; authorizing the Executive Director of the State Retirement Agency to require specified disability retirees to undergo a medical examination under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

PS, SF, and SP, Various Sections - amended and SP, §§ 29-105 and 29-115.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 876 Senator Serafini**NATURAL RESOURCES – BLACK FLY MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL – WASHINGTON COUNTY**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish a program to control the spread of black flies in the State; requiring that the program be implemented initially on specified property in Washington County; requiring the Department, in conjunction with the University of Maryland's Department of Entomology, to conduct the program in a specified manner; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to accept, use, or expend any aid, gift, or grant made available from any private or public source to implement the program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

NR, §§ 8-2201 through 8-2205 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 877 **Washington County Senators****WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS CT (CINEMA/THEATER) LICENSE**

Establishing a Class CT (cinema/theater) (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license in Washington County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Washington County to issue the license for use in a cinema or theater that meets specified requirements; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption under specified circumstances; authorizing a license holder to serve beer, wine, and liquor without serving food; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 31-1001.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 878 **Senator Edwards****ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUNDAY SALES**

Expanding the hours for sale of specified alcoholic beverages on Sundays by a holder of a Class D beer license, a Class D beer and light wine license, a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license, and a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license in Allegany County under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, §§ 9-2002(d), 9-2003(d), and 9-2004(b) and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 879 **Senator Edwards****GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – VARIOUS LICENSES**

Specifying annual fees for specified 7-day alcoholic beverages licenses; altering the number of days after the expiration date of a wine festival license that a holder of a State wholesale, Class 3 winery, or Class 4 limited winery license may accept returns from a holder of a wine festival license; and providing that the Garrett County Board of License Commissioners is not required to hold a hearing before issuing specified Class C temporary licenses.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

AB, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 880 **Senator Jennings****FAMILY INVESTMENT ADMINISTRATION – ELECTRONIC BENEFITS
TRANSFER CARD – PHOTOGRAPH**

Requiring, with specified exceptions, each newly issued or reissued electronic benefits transfer card to contain a photograph of the recipient; requiring the Family Investment Administration in the Department of Human Resources to establish specified procedures; prohibiting an establishment that accepts electronic benefits transfer cards from requiring a cardholder to show the photograph on the card unless other customers are required to show photographic identification; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HU, § 5-609 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 881 **Senator Jennings****COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – TICKET
TRANSFERS, SALES, AND RESALES**

Requiring a ticket issuer, ticket seller, primary ticket sales platform, or secondary ticket exchange to maintain a specified toll-free number and implement a specified refund policy; requiring a refund of a ticket to include a specified amount and specified fees; specifying that a ticket seller may satisfy specified requirements in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CL, §§ 14-4001 through 14-4003 - amended and §§ 14-4002 through 14-4005 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 882 Senator Jennings**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NORTHEASTERN MARYLAND
ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING INNOVATION AUTHORITY**

Altering specified definitions to codify “RAMP MD” as an alternate name for the Northeastern Maryland Additive Manufacturing Innovation Authority; altering the number and composition of the voting members of the Executive Board; requiring the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce to consider including specified requests for financial support in its annual budget recommendations; requiring, rather than authorizing, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill at least \$150,000 for the Authority; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

EC, §§ 13-1201, 13-1203(b)(2)(xvii) through (xix), and 13-1209 - amended and § 13-1203(b)(2)(xx) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 883 Senators Hough and Young**FREDERICK COUNTY – LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIMS ACT –
NOTICE OF CLAIM**

Requiring notice of a claim against Frederick County under the Local Government Tort Claims Act to be given to the county solicitor or county attorney.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

CJ, § 5-304 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 884 Senators Hough and Young**FREDERICK COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – SMALL BUSINESS TAX
CREDIT**

Altering specified requirements for an existing business entity in Frederick County to qualify for a specified property tax credit imposed on real property owned or leased by the business entity; altering the definition of “full-time position” to increase the number of hours and period of time individuals must be employed and to require a payment of at least 150% of the federal minimum wage; altering the percentage of the property tax credit authorized in specified taxable years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TP, § 9-312(i) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 885 Senators Hough and Young**FREDERICK COUNTY – FAILURE TO OBEY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE ON MARYLAND ROUTE 75 – PENALTY**

Increasing to \$10,000 the maximum penalty for failure to obey a traffic control device governing the height of vehicles traveling on Maryland Route 75 between Baldwin Road and Maryland Route 80 in Frederick County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 27-105.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 886 Senator Middleton**HEALTH – COLLABORATIONS TO PROMOTE PROVIDER ALIGNMENT**

Exempting collaborations to promote provider alignment from provisions of law that prohibit a health care practitioner from referring a patient or directing persons to refer a patient to a specified health care entity, prohibit a health care practitioner from presenting or causing to be presented specified demands for payment, and require a health care practitioner to disclose the existence of a beneficial interest under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, §§ 19-1C-01 through 19-1C-03 - added and HO, §§ 1-302(a) and (b) and 1-303(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 887 Senator Middleton**HEALTH INSURANCE – CONSUMER HEALTH CLAIM FILING FAIRNESS ACT**

Requiring a specified health benefit plan to include provisions that permit enrollees a minimum period of time of 1 year to submit a claim for a service, provide for the suspension of the minimum period of time, and provide that failure to submit a claim within the minimum period of time does not invalidate or reduce the amount of the claim; creating an exception to a provision of law that requires proof of loss to be furnished to an insurer in case of claim for loss within a specified period of time; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017

IN, §§ 12-102 and 15-213 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 888 Senator Middleton**MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – PROGRAM TO INCENTIVIZE AND ENABLE UNINSURED VEHICLE OWNERS TO BE INSURED**

Establishing in the Motor Vehicle Administration the Program to Incentivize and Enable Uninsured Vehicle Owners to Be Insured; specifying the eligibility requirements; requiring the Administration to waive a portion of specified delinquent uninsured vehicle penalties; specifying the conditions under which a portion of specified delinquent uninsured vehicle penalties may be waived; requiring a specified vehicle owner to pay a specified amount owed; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TR, § 17-111 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 889 Senator Zirkin**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – IRVINE NATURE CENTER NATIVE AMERICAN VILLAGE**

Authorizing the creation of State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Irvine Natural Science Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Native American village site at the Irvine Nature Center, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 890 Senator Zirkin**EXPUNGEMENT – MISDEMEANOR CONVICTIONS**

Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement of specified misdemeanor convictions; specifying convictions that are not eligible for expungement except under specified circumstances; authorizing a sentencing court to order specified misdemeanor convictions eligible for expungement; requiring a person to file a petition for expungement in a specified court; providing that a petition for expungement of specified misdemeanor convictions may not be filed earlier than a specified time; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, § 10-110 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 891 Senator Zirkin**CRIMINAL LAW – USE AND POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA**

Increasing the amount of marijuana a person may use or possess and be subject to civil penalties; requiring a police officer to issue a citation under specified circumstances; establishing that specified violations involving the use or possession of a specified amount of marijuana is a Code violation; prohibiting a driver from consuming marijuana in a motor vehicle under specified circumstances; prohibiting an occupant from smoking marijuana in a motor vehicle under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, §§ 3-8A-01(dd)(1) and 3-8A-33(a)(1), CR, §§ 5-601(c)(2) and 5-601.1, and TR, § 21-903 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 892 Senator Zirkin**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – HOPEWELL CANCER SUPPORT FACILITY**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of HopeWell Cancer Support, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the HopeWell Cancer Support Facility, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 893 Senator Kasemeyer**BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ISSUANCE OF LICENSES NEAR PLACES OF WORSHIP**

Authorizing the Baltimore County Board of License Commissioners to issue or transfer a specified license for an establishment that is at least 100 feet away from a place of worship under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 13-1601 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 894 Senator Kasemeyer**HUMAN SERVICES – FAMILY INVESTMENT ADMINISTRATION –
WEIGHTED CASELOAD ANALYSIS**

Requiring the Executive Director of the Family Investment Administration in the Department of Human Resources to perform a specified weighted caseload analysis on or before July 1, 2017; requiring the Executive Director and the Secretary of Human Resources to use the results of the analysis for a specified purpose and to annually review caseloads and reallocate personnel as necessary based on the results of the analysis; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HU, § 5-204.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 895 Senators Klausmeier and Middleton**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – NURSING
SERVICES – SKILLS CHECKLIST**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to specify in regulations the skills checklist used as part of the process of determining the competency of nurses, certified nursing assistants, and home health aides to render nursing services through a residential service agency or a home health agency that is participating in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 15-106.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 896 Senator Klausmeier, et al**INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR LONG-TERM CARE PREMIUMS**

Altering a limitation on claiming the income tax credit for eligible long-term care insurance premiums for more than 1 year with respect to the same insured individual; altering the amount of the credit from a one-time \$500 credit to a maximum of \$250 for taxable years beginning January 1, 2017, and January 1, 2018, and a maximum of \$500 for the taxable year beginning January 1, 2019, and for each taxable year thereafter; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-718 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 897 Senator Klausmeier**CEMETERIES – PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUND – LOAN OF PRINCIPAL FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

Authorizing a percentage not to exceed 2% of the principal of a perpetual care trust fund to be loaned to a specified person that established the perpetual care trust fund to be used for specified capital expenditures; providing for the term and interest rate of a specified loan; and requiring a specified person to include a description of a specified loan, including specified information, in a specified report submitted to the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BR, § 5-603 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 898 Senator Klausmeier**PUBLIC HEALTH – EMERGENCY USE AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE PROGRAM FOR FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES**

Establishing the Emergency Use Auto-Injectable Epinephrine Program for Food Service Facilities in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; establishing that the purpose of the Program is to provide a means of authorizing individuals in a food service facility to obtain and store auto-injectable epinephrine and administer auto-injectable epinephrine to individuals who are experiencing anaphylaxis when physician or emergency medical services are not immediately available; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, §§ 13-7A-01 through 13-7A-10 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 899 Senator Klausmeier, et al**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES – PARITY**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, on or before June 30, 2017, to adopt regulations to ensure that the Maryland Medical Assistance Program is in compliance with specified federal laws; requiring the regulations to include standards regarding treatment limitations for specialty mental health and substance use disorder services that comply with the federal laws and relate to specified items; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 15-103.6 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 900 Senator Edwards**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ALLEGANY COUNTY – LEFTY GROVE STATUE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$75,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of The Community Trust Foundation, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Lefty Grove Statue, located in Allegany County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 901 Senator Young**PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – CLASSWORK AND ASSESSMENT INVOLVING LIVE AND DEAD ANIMALS – STUDENT RIGHT OF REFUSAL**

Authorizing a student in a public school or nonpublic school to refuse to participate in or observe, in whole or in part, classwork or an assessment that includes specified actions conducted on a specified animal; authorizing a student to exercise a specified right of refusal at a specified time; requiring a specified student to complete specified classwork or a specified assessment by an alternate educational method determined by a specified teacher for a specified purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 7-121 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 902 Senator Young**CRIMINAL LAW – VETERANS – MEDICAL MARIJUANA**

Adding posttraumatic stress disorder under a definition of “debilitating medical condition” for the purposes of specified affirmative defenses to a charge of use or possession of marijuana; establishing a specified affirmative defense for a charge of use or possession of marijuana for a specified qualified veteran patient; establishing a specified written certification for a qualified veteran patient; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 5-601(c) - amended and HG, §§ 24-1701 through 24-1705 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 903 Senators Young and Rosapepe**COURTS – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS – CIVIL ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES**

Extending the statute of limitations to 10 years for specified civil actions under specified circumstances; applying the Act retroactively to any cause of action described in the Act arising on or after October 1, 2006; and making the provisions of the Act severable.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 5-105 - amended and § 5-120 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 904 Senator Young, et al**SALES AND USE TAX – DIAPERS – EXEMPTION**

Exempting from the sales and use tax the sale of diapers.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 11-211(c) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 905 Senator King, et al**COMMISSION ON INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION**

Establishing the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; requiring specified appointments to be made to ensure diversity within the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Commission to review the findings and recommendations of a specified study, review specified education finance formulas, and review specified accountability measures; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 906 **Senator Madaleno, et al****WEAPON-FREE HIGHER EDUCATION ZONES**

Prohibiting the carrying or possession of firearms, knives, or deadly weapons on the property of public institutions of higher education; and providing for exceptions to the prohibition for law enforcement officers, a person hired for the purpose of guarding the institution's property, a person engaged in organized shooting activity for educational purposes, and a person who has a written invitation from the president of the institution to engage in a historical demonstration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 4-102 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 907 **Senator Middleton, et al****TRANSPORTATION – HARRY W. NICE MEMORIAL POTOMAC RIVER BRIDGE – REPLACEMENT**

Requiring the State and the Maryland Transportation Authority to finance a replacement bridge for the Harry W. Nice Memorial Potomac River Bridge; specifying requirements for the replacement bridge; stating the intent of the General Assembly; establishing the Harry W. Nice Memorial Potomac River Bridge Replacement Fund and requiring the Authority to make a deposit to the Fund in fiscal years, as specified; requiring the Authority to submit an annual report; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 4-322 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 908 Senator DeGrange, et al**MARYLAND OPEN TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT DECISION ACT
OF 2016**

Establishing State transportation goals; establishing measures by which the Department of Transportation is required to score the extent to which major capital projects satisfy the goals; requiring the Department to evaluate, score, and rank specified projects for inclusion in the draft and final Consolidated Transportation Program; requiring, with a specified exception, that capital projects with higher scores be ranked ahead of capital projects with lower scores; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 2-103.1 - amended and § 2-103.7 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 909 Senator Ferguson, et al**SERVICE, STIPENDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS – MARYLAND CORPS
PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Maryland Corps Program; providing for stipends of up to \$15,000 for corps participants and one-time scholarships of up to \$6,000 for corps participants who complete the Program; requiring the Board of Directors to issue a Request for Proposals for an operator for the Program on or before June 1, 2017, that includes specified elements and expectations; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

ED, §§ 24-1101 through 24-1111 - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)84. and 85. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)86. - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Finance

SB 910 **Senator Ferguson, et al****MARYLAND EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT COLLABORATIVE – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Maryland Education Development Collaborative to advise and make recommendations to the State Board of Education and the General Assembly regarding policies necessary to promote 21st century learning that enhances socioeconomic and demographic diversity across the State; establishing a Board of Directors of the Collaborative; requiring the Collaborative to report specified information to the Governor, the State Department of Education, and the General Assembly on or before October 1 each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, §§ 9.5-101 through 9.5-114 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 911 **Senator Feldman****INSURANCE – BAIL BONDSMEN – INSTALLMENT AGREEMENTS AND PREMIUM RATES**

Establishing a minimum 35% required down payment in connection with specified bail bond installment agreements; requiring the execution of a promissory note and an installment agreement for the remaining balance; providing a maximum term of 15 months for the installment agreements; requiring a specified bail bondsman to file a civil action for specified relief under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

IN, § 10-309 - amended and §§ 10-310 and 21-104 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 912 Senator Feldman**CLEAN ENERGY LOAN PROGRAM – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – REPAYMENT OF LOANS THROUGH SURCHARGE**

Authorizing a county or municipality to collect specified loan payments for a loan to specified owners of residential property under the Clean Energy Loan Program, and specified costs, through a surcharge on the property owner's property tax bill; authorizing a private lender to provide capital for a loan provided to a residential property owner under the program; requiring that specified provisions relating to liens apply to liens created under the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LG, §§ 1-1101, 1-1103, and 1-1105 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 913 Senator Feldman**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – ELECTIVE SHARE OF SURVIVING SPOUSE**

Repealing specified provisions of law relating to a surviving spouse making an election to take a specified share of the net estate of the decedent instead of the property left to the surviving spouse under the will; providing that a surviving spouse may take a specified elective share amount of a specified augmented estate; establishing the priority to be used in determining the sources from which a specified elective share amount is payable; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

ET, §§ 6-306(a) and 7-603 - amended, §§ 3-203 through 3-208 - repealed, and §§ 3-401 through 3-411 and 14.5-604 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 914 Senator McFadden**PREVAILING WAGE LAW – PAYROLL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Applying specified payroll reporting requirements under the prevailing wage law to specified contractors under specified public work contracts with a value of at least \$100,000; and providing that specified contractors under specified public work contracts with a value of less than \$500,000 are not required to comply with specified payroll reporting requirements under the prevailing wage law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SF, §§ 17-202(b) and 17-220 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 915 Senator Jennings (By Request)**MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE – ADVANCE OF MEDICAL EXPENSES**

Providing that an insurer that issues, sells, or delivers a policy of motor vehicle liability insurance in the State must pay a specified benefit to an individual who is injured in a collision with a motor vehicle for anticipated medical expenses under specified circumstances; providing that the benefit may not be waived; establishing that the benefit is an advance for anticipated medical expenses for specified injuries; requiring the policy to contain a specified maximum benefit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

IN, § 19-513(b) - amended and § 19-518 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 916 Harford County Senators**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – COMMUNITY COLLEGE LICENSE**

Establishing a Class CC (community college) beer and wine license in Harford County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to an officer of a community college for use on specified parts of the community college campus; providing that the license authorizes the sale of beer and wine for on-premises consumption to individuals who attend specified public events and to members of specified groups and their guests who attend events held for those groups; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 22-807.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 917 Senators Lee and Manno**PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT – VETERINARY CARE OF RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT K-9S ACT**

Requiring specified State and local law enforcement agencies to reimburse individuals who take possession of dogs formerly used in law enforcement work under specified circumstances for specified veterinary treatment; specifying that the reimbursement may not exceed \$2,500 during a calendar year; authorizing specified State law enforcement agencies to accept public donations for the payment of specified veterinary expenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, § 3-514 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 918 Senator Gladden**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – CYLBURN ARBORETUM CARRIAGE HOUSE AND NATURE MUSEUM**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Cylburn Arboretum Association, Incorporated for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Cylburn Arboretum Carriage House and Nature Museum, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 919 Senator Middleton**INSURANCE – EXEMPTION FROM STATE INSURANCE LAWS FOR SELF-FUNDED STUDENT HEALTH PLANS**

Exempting from State insurance laws a self-funded student health plan operated by an independent institution of higher education that provides health care services to its students and their dependents if the institution files a specified report on July 1 each year; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

IN, § 1-202 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 920 Senator Pugh**HUMAN SERVICES – HOMELESSNESS – EMERGENCY COLD WEATHER PLANNING**

Establishing an emergency cold weather council in each county; establishing the membership of emergency cold weather councils; requiring emergency cold weather councils to create specified plans; requiring local administering agencies to provide a specified plan to the Department of Human Resources on or before October 1 each year; requiring local administering agencies to initiate specified plans under specified conditions; requiring specified agencies to collaborate to create a specified reporting system; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HU, §§ 6-441 through 6-447 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 921 Senator Pugh, et al**CLEAN ENERGY JOBS – RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD REVISIONS**

Establishing the Clean Energy Workforce Account in the Maryland EARN Program; providing for the funding and specifying the purpose of the Account; altering the renewable energy portfolio standard percentage derived from solar energy for specified years; altering the renewable energy portfolio standard percentage derived from Tier 1 renewable sources for specified years; requiring an electric company to contract for specified renewable energy credits and electricity generated from specified Tier 1 renewable sources; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LE, PU, and SG, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 922 Senator Rosapepe, et al**CAREER APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2016**

Requiring the State Board of Education to develop, on or before December 1, 2016, specified goals for percentages of high school graduates; requiring, on or before December 1, 2016, the State Board to develop a method to consider, under specified circumstances, a student's attainment of a specified credential as equivalent to a specified Advanced Placement examination score for a specified purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

ED, § 21-204 and TG, § 10-737 - added and LE, § 11-103 - amended

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB 923 Senator Rosapepe**OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES – DENIAL FOR CRIMINAL CONVICTION – NOTICE OF PROHIBITION AND TASK FORCE**

Clarifying that specified departments of State government and specified units in specified departments of State government are prohibited from denying a specified license to an applicant solely on the basis that the applicant has previously been convicted of a crime except in accordance with specified provisions of law; requiring specified departments of State government and each unit that issues specified licenses in specified departments to post specified notice on their Web sites in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AG, BR, CS, EN, HG, and HU, Various Sections - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 924 Senator Ramirez**FAMILY LAW – PROTECTIVE ORDERS – NOTIFICATION OF SERVICE
– SUNSET REPEAL**

Repealing the termination date of provisions of law related to notice of the service on a respondent of specified protective orders; and repealing obsolete provisions relating to a specified contingency.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

Chapter 711 of the Acts of 2009, § 2, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 925 Senator Ramirez**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – PORT
TOWNS FAMILY HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Access to Wholistic and Productive Living Institute, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of Aunt Carol Jane’s House at the Port Towns Family Health and Wellness Center, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 926 Senator Young**LYME DISEASE – LABORATORY TEST – REQUIRED NOTICE**

Requiring specified health care providers to provide a specified notice to a patient for whom the health care provider orders a laboratory test for the presence of Lyme disease; and providing immunity from liability, under specified circumstances, for specified health care providers for providing the notice.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 20-1701 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 927 Senator Middleton, et al**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND ACT OF 2016**

Establishing the Program Open Space Trust Fund; requiring specified appropriations from the General Fund to the Fund to repay specified appropriations or transfers from the Fund to the General Fund; providing that the Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund not subject to specified provisions of law; providing for the uses, purposes, sources of funding, and investment of money of the Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

NR, § 5-903(g)(1), SF, Various Sections, and TP, § 13-209 - amended and NR, § 5-903.2 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)86. - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 928 Senators Middleton and Nathan–Pulliam**TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE NURSE SHORTAGE IN MARYLAND**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Nurse Shortage in Maryland; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters relating to changes in the nursing profession that have resulted in a shortage of nurses in the State and nation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 929 Senators Klausmeier and Feldman**HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS – NETWORK ACCESS STANDARDS AND PROVIDER NETWORK DIRECTORIES**

Requiring specified carriers to maintain or adhere to specified standards that assure that specified enrollees have specified access to specified health care providers and covered services; requiring specified carriers to file with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner a specified plan for review and approval; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

IN, §§ 15-112 and 15-830 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 930 Senators Ferguson and Bates**PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – INSPECTION OF RECORDS FROM BODY–WORN DIGITAL RECORDING DEVICES**

Requiring a custodian of records to deny inspection of the part of a recording from a specified body–worn digital recording device worn by a law enforcement officer regarding specified incidents; requiring a custodian of records to allow inspection of recordings from a specified body–worn digital recording device worn by a law enforcement officer by specified individuals; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

GP, § 4-101 - amended and § 4-356 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 931 Senator Zucker, et al**BIRTH CERTIFICATES – HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS – PROHIBITION ON COLLECTION OF FEE**

Prohibiting the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from collecting a fee for a certified or abridged copy of a birth certificate issued to a homeless individual; and requiring the Department to accept a signed written statement from a homeless individual as proof of homelessness.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 4-217 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 932 Senator Klausmeier**DISCOUNT VISION PLANS – PROVIDER CONTRACTS**

Prohibiting a contract between a discount medical plan organization and a provider of vision care services from limiting or specifying specified fees or requiring the provider to participate in a specified discount vision plan or in a specified provider panel as a condition for participating in another discount vision plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

IN, §§ 14-601, 14-606, and 15-112.2(b) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 933 Senator Manno**WAR ON CANCER AND DIABETES – AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish and promote a specified public information, awareness, and education campaign on cancer and diabetes; requiring the campaign to reach out to the general public and specified populations, disseminate specified information in a specified manner, and distribute materials free of charge to specified locations; authorizing the Secretary to request the services of interested advocacy groups and to contract for any necessary services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 18-342 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 934 Senator Manno**LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIMS ACT – NOTICE REQUIREMENT – EXCEPTION**

Providing a specified exception to a specified notice requirement for a claim under the Local Government Tort Claims Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 5-304 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 935 Senator Manno**MARYLAND TORT CLAIMS ACT – CERTAIN CLAIM REQUIREMENT – EXCEPTION**

Providing a specified exception to a requirement that a claimant submit a claim within a specified time to the State Treasurer or a designee of the State Treasurer under the Maryland Tort Claims Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SG, § 12-106 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 936 Senator Manno**MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY INCENTIVE ACT OF 2016**

Extending a specified credit against the State income tax for electricity produced by specified facilities from specified qualified energy resources to be certified on or before December 31, 2018; and extending the period in which the Maryland Energy Administration may issue specified qualifying certifications.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-720 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 937 Senator Manno, et al**SUSTAINABLE OYSTER HARVEST ACT OF 2016**

Requiring the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science to conduct a specified study related to the public oyster fishery; requiring the Center to report to the Governor, the Department of Natural Resources, the Oyster Advisory Commission, and the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2017; and prohibiting the Department from taking specified actions until after the Center has made its report.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 938 Senator Manno, et al**ELECTION LAW – VOTING BY MAIL (UNIVERSAL VOTE BY MAIL ACT)**

Authorizing a voter to cast a ballot by mail; requiring the State Board of Elections, in consultation with the local boards of elections, to select a certain voting system; requiring the local boards to mail a ballot for voting by mail to specified voters by specified deadlines; requiring a voter who receives a ballot for voting by mail to take specific action to vote the ballot; providing the methods by which a voter may return a ballot for voting by mail; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017

EL, Various Sections - repealed and amended and §§ 9-501 through 9-507 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 939 Senators Madaleno and Raskin**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – NURSING HOMES
– ADVANCE PAYMENTS**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to make a specified advance payment to a nursing home at the request of the nursing home under specified circumstances; providing that the advance payment may not exceed 50% of the estimated amount due for the uncompensated services; requiring the Department to pay the balance due to a nursing home under specified circumstances; requiring the Department to recover specified advance payments in a specified manner under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HG, § 15-148 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 940 Senator Madaleno, et al**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – PAYMENT OF WAGES – MINIMUM
WAGE AND REPEAL OF TIP CREDIT**

Specifying the State minimum wage rate that is in effect for specified time periods; increasing, except under specified circumstances, the State minimum wage rate in effect for specified periods of time based on the annual growth in the Consumer Price Index; repealing the authority of an employer to include, as part of an employee's wage, a specified amount to represent the tips of the employee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

LE, § 3-413 - amended and § 3-419 - repealed

Assigned to: Finance

SB 941 Senators Mathias and Manno**WORCESTER COUNTY – FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS –
AMUSEMENT GAMING LICENSES**

Altering the definition of slot machine to exclude specified skills-based devices located at specified family entertainment centers; authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue an amusement gaming license to specified family entertainment centers in Worcester County; authorizing a family entertainment center that holds a license to operate specified skills-based devices that award specified prizes; requiring the Commission to determine the value of specified prizes that may be awarded; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

CR, § 12-301(3) - amended and SG, §§ 9-1B-01 and 9-1B-02 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 942 **Senator Ramirez, et al****STATE GOVERNMENT – ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT –
CONTESTED CASES – JUDICIAL REVIEW**

Altering the circumstances under which a court may reverse or modify the decision of an agency on judicial review under the Administrative Procedure Act in a case in which an employee is disciplined, suspended, or terminated from employment; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SG, § 10-222 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 943 **Senator Raskin, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FIREARMS – TRANSFER**

Requiring a court to inform a person convicted of a specified offense that the person is prohibited from possessing a firearm under specified provisions of law; requiring the court to advise the person that specified proof must be provided to the court that specified firearms owned by the person or in the person's possession have been transferred from the person's possession; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

CP, § 6-234 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 944 **Senator Raskin, et al****FIREARMS – APPLICATIONS – NOTIFICATION AND REPORTING**

Requiring the Secretary of State Police to provide notice of a specified denial of a handgun qualification license application or specified disapproval of a firearm application within a specified amount of time after a denial or disapproval to specified agencies; providing information that must be included in a specified notification; requiring agencies that receive a notification of application denial or disapproval to meet specified annual reporting requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, §§ 5-117.1(h) and 5-122 - amended and § 5-117.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 945 Senator Raskin, et al**DRUNK DRIVING REDUCTION ACT OF 2016 (NOAH'S LAW)**

Increasing the suspension periods for the driver's license of a person who is convicted of specified offenses relating to driving under the influence and driving while impaired; providing that the Administration shall require a person who is convicted of specified offenses relating to driving under the influence and driving while impaired and a person who refuses or has specified results from a breath alcohol concentration test to participate in the Ignition Interlock System Program for a specified period of time; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, §§ 16-205, 16-205.1, 16-404.1, and 27-107 - amended and § 27-101(gg) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 946 Senator Gladden, et al**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – RESTRICTIVE HOUSING – REPORT**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services on or before October 1 each year to submit specified data to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention relating to the use of restrictive housing in correctional facilities; and requiring the Department to make the information submitted available on the Department's Web site.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CS, § 9-614 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 947 Senator Raskin, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS – SECONDARY TRANSACTIONS**

Providing that a person who is not a specified licensee may not complete the transfer of a specified rifle or shotgun as transferor or transferee, except under specified circumstances; requiring, before a specified transfer is conducted, the transferor and transferee to meet jointly with a specified licensee and request that the licensee facilitate the transfer; requiring a licensee to take specified actions when facilitating a transfer; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, § 5-201 - amended and § 5-204.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 948 **Senators Zucker and Madaleno****NONPUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS –
DISCRIMINATION – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a nonpublic elementary or secondary school that receives State funds from refusing to enroll, expelling, withholding privileges from, or otherwise discriminating against any student or prospective student because of specified factors; making specified provisions of law prohibiting discrimination in employment applicable to nonpublic elementary and secondary schools that receive State funds; making specified remedies and procedures regarding discrimination applicable to specified discriminatory acts; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SG, §§ 20-101(d), 20-604, 20-1001, 20-1006, 20-1007, 20-1009, 20-1012, 20-1013, and 20-1017 - amended and ED, §§ 26-501 and 26-502 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 949 **Senator Ramirez, et al****CRIMES – ROBBERY, BURGLARY, OR THEFT OF PROPERTY –
CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES**

Clarifying that the crime of robbery includes robbing or attempting to rob another of specified controlled dangerous substances; establishing the offense of breaking and entering the storehouse of another with the intent to steal, take, or carry away controlled dangerous substances; clarifying that the crime of theft includes the theft of controlled dangerous substances; providing that a specified person shall be ordered to undergo a specified drug assessment and entered into a specified drug addiction treatment program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 950 Senator Conway**EDUCATION – STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES – PARENTAL
CONSENT FOR INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM CONTENT**

Requiring specified individualized education program teams to obtain a specified written consent before implementing specified actions except in specified circumstances; requiring a specified individualized education program team to send a written notice to parents who have not provided written consent to a specified action under specified circumstances; and authorizing a specified individualized education program team to use specified dispute resolution options in specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 8-405(f) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 951 Senator Conway**MARYLAND LEAD POISONING RECOVERY ACT**

Establishing that specified manufacturers of lead pigment are liable to specified persons for damages caused by lead-based paint; establishing the types of damages caused by the presence of lead-based paint in residential buildings for which manufacturers of lead pigment are liable to specified persons; creating the Lead Paint Restitution Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, §§ 3-2101 through 3-2109 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 952 Carroll County Senators**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – CARROLL COUNTY – SYKESVILLE
FREEDOM DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$50,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Sykesville Freedom District Fire Department, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the carnival grounds of the Sykesville Freedom District Fire Department, located in Carroll County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 953 Senator Ready**CONSUMER PROTECTION – UNAUTHORIZED BILLING – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from charging, attempting to charge, or imposing a fee on a consumer for any merchandise or services or the processing of any documents or permits for which the consumer did not specifically contract or that the consumer did not otherwise request.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CL, § 14-1325 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 954 Senator Klausmeier**STATE BOARD OF HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR-CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION CONTRACTORS – MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN – LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

Establishing the qualifications for a maintenance technician license to be issued by the State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors; establishing a specified fee for the issuance or renewal of a maintenance technician license; limiting the subjects on a specified examination for a specified license; requiring the Board to send a specified notice to a specified applicant under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BR, §§ 9A-101, 9A-207, 9A-302, 9A-304, 9A-305, 9A-308, 9A-402, and 9A-501 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 955 Senator Hershey**FEDERAL-AID PRIMARY HIGHWAYS – SIGNS**

Authorizing the State Highway Administration to issue a permit for a sign along or near a federal-aid primary highway if the sign is a directional sign for a historic, cultural, or educational site that is naturally suited for outdoor recreation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 8-730 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 956 Senator Hershey**NATURAL RESOURCES – OYSTER POACHING – ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES**

Repealing the grounds for revocation of an authorization to catch oysters, in accordance with a tidal fish license, for oyster poaching and requiring the Department of Natural Resources, after specified consultation, to adopt regulations establishing the grounds for specified administrative penalties for oyster poaching; requiring the grounds established by the Department to include specified egregious or repeat violations; repealing a time frame within which the Department is required to hold a hearing on specified matters; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

NR, § 4-1210 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 957 Senator Hershey**OYSTER POACHING – ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES – GEAR VIOLATIONS**

Repealing the offense of taking oysters with specified gear in specified areas that is subject to specified enhanced administrative penalties; and establishing the offense of taking oysters with a power dredge in specified areas that is subject to specified enhanced administrative penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

NR, § 4-1210 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 958 Cecil County Senators**CECIL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 9 LIMITED DISTILLERY LICENSES AND CLASS 7 MICRO-BREWERY LICENSES**

Authorizing a Class 9 limited distillery license and a Class 7 micro-brewery license to be issued in Cecil County; authorizing a Class 9 limited distillery license to be issued to a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license as well as a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 17-401 - amended and §§ 17-403 and 17-404 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 959 **Senator Hershey****KENT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LIMITED DISTILLERY LICENSE**

Authorizing a Class 9 limited distillery license in Kent County; authorizing a Class 9 limited distillery license to be issued to a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license as well as a holder of a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 24-401 - amended and § 24-405 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 960 **Senator Muse****FAMILY LAW – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – DEFINITION OF ABUSE**

Altering the definition of “abuse” for purposes of specified provisions of law relating to domestic violence to include harassment and malicious destruction of property; and defining harassment and malicious destruction of property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FL, § 4-501 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 961 **Senator Muse****MOTOR VEHICLES – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – AUTOMATED AUDITS**

Requiring that a speed monitoring system be subject to an automated, real-time audit; prohibiting an audit from being conducted by an employee or representative of the speed monitoring system contractor; and requiring that the results of the audit remain in the custody and be the property of the local jurisdiction that authorized the speed monitoring system and be admitted as evidence in any court proceeding for a violation that is the subject of the audit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 21-809(b)(5) and (6) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 962 Senator Muse**CHILD CUSTODY – REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION OF JOINT CUSTODY**

Creating a rebuttable presumption in child custody proceedings that joint custodial arrangements are in the best interests of a child; authorizing a court to consider specified factors when determining the best interests of the child; authorizing the court to award sole custody when a joint custodial arrangement is determined by a preponderance of evidence not to be in the best interests of the child; requiring the court to enter specified information on the record; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FL, § 9-109 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 963 Senators Eckardt and Hershey**HARRIS CREEK OYSTER RESTORATION – VESSEL DAMAGE – COMPENSATION**

Authorizing a vessel owner to file a claim with the Department of Natural Resources for the payment of damages if specified persons make an error or omission related to the required depth of navigable water in the Harris Creek Oyster Restoration Project and, as a result of the error or omission, the vessel sustains damages; establishing a 1-year statute of limitations for a claim; establishing a \$400,000 cap on the amount that may be paid under a claim; establishing specified sources of funds for payment under a claim; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

NR, § 8-724.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 964 Senator Eckardt, et al**NATURAL RESOURCES – OYSTERS – COUNTY OYSTER COMMITTEES**

Repealing specified provisions of law relating to county oyster committees and a statewide committee of oystermen; requiring the active licensed oyster harvesters of each tidewater county to elect a county oyster committee; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources, on request of a county oyster committee, to take specified oyster harvesting actions by public notice; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

NR, § 4-1106 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 965 Senator McFadden**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – RIGHT OF APPEAL – UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF HANDGUN OR REGULATED FIREARM**

Authorizing the State, in a criminal case involving the unlawful possession of a handgun or regulated firearm, to appeal from a decision of a trial court that excludes evidence offered by the State or requires the return of property alleged to have been seized in violation of specified constitutional provisions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 12-302(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 966 Senators Young and Nathan–Pulliam**TASK FORCE TO STUDY EXTENDING METRORAIL SERVICE FROM THE CITY OF GAITHERSBURG TO THE CITY OF FREDERICK**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Extending Metrorail Service From the City of Gaithersburg to the City of Frederick; providing for the membership, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to consider transportation–related issues and make recommendations relating to expanding Metrorail service from Gaithersburg to Frederick, as specified; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2017; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Assigned to: Finance

SB 967 Senator Mathias**WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE**

Establishing a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license in Worcester County; providing that the license authorizes the sale of beer, wine, and liquor at the place described in the license for off–premises consumption under specified conditions; and establishing an annual license fee of \$4,500 and specified hours and days of sale.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 33-901 - amended and § 33-2005(a) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 968 **Senator Astle****BUSINESS REGULATION – HOME BUILDER REGISTRATION – FEES**

Increasing specified fees for applicants for a home builder registration and a home builder sales representative registration; increasing the administrative fee for the Home Builder Guaranty Fund for specified home builders; increasing the fee for renewal of a specified registration or registration certificate; and adding a renewal of registration fee based on a specified number of specified building permits issued to a specified registrant.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BR, §§ 4.5-304, 4.5-304.1, and 4.5-305 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SENATE BILL REASSIGNED February 5, 2016**SB 515** **Senator DeGrange****COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – PROCUREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF SCHOOL PROJECTS**

Making specified provisions of law concerning the advertising for bids for procurements costing more than \$25,000 applicable to construction or repair for public school projects in the State; and including construction and repair services under provisions of law concerning the award of procurement contracts, as specified.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, §§ 1-101 and 5-112 - amended

Reassigned to: Budget and Taxation

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION REASSIGNED February 5, 2016**SJ 4 Senator Bates, et al****UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION – AMENDMENTS CONVENTION –
LIMITATIONS ON FEDERAL POWER**

Applying to the U.S. Congress for an amendments convention called under Article V of the U.S. Constitution, on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limits the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limits the terms of office for officials of the federal government and for the members of the U.S. Congress.
Reassigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs